MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether any recommendation has been made for constructing culverts and bridges on that road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Expenditure on diet in certain Government Hospitals.

198. MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the average expenditure per head incurred in the years 1103 and 1104 for diet for the in-patients of—

(i) the Government Hospital, Trivandrum;

(ii) the Women and Children's Hospital, Trivandrum;

(iii) the District Hospital, Quilon; and

(iv) the District Hospital, Alleppey;

(*b*) the average attendance of in-patients per day in the above hospitals;

(*c*) the cause of difference, if any, of expenditure per head in the above said four hospitals; and

(*d*) the total amounts sanctioned for each of the abovesaid hospitals during the years 1103 and 1104?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (*b*) and (*d*) A statement* containing the information asked for by the member is laid on the table.

(*c*) The difference is due to more causes than one, *viz.*, the difference in the cost of articles at the different stations, the quality and quantity of articles used in different cases according to the nature of the diseases, necessity of patients etc., and the fact that some patients are allowed to supply part of their diet.

Road from Pattanapuram to Shaliakkara.

199. MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): (1) Are the Government aware that the village road from Pattanapuram to Shaliakkara which is eight miles and four furlongs in length is not fit for cart traffic?

(2) If the answer to part (1) is in the affirmative, whether they will be pleased to take the necessary steps for making it fit for cart traffic?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) The importance of the road does not at present justify such a step.

MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): ഈ റോഡ് പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ളതല്ലെന്ന എങ്ങിനെ മനസ്സിലായി?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): ഇതിനെക്കാൾ പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ള റോഡുകൾ പലതുമുള്ളതുകൊണ്ട് അവയെ അപേക്ഷിച്ച് ഇതു പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ളതായിട്ടുകരുതുന്നില്ല.

MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): ചീഫ് ഇഞ്ചിനീയർ ആസ്ഥലം പോയികണ്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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Appendix XXXII.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 198.**

Statement showing expenditure on diet, etc., in certain Hospitals.

Particulars.	General Hospital.		Women and Children's Hospital.		District Hospital, Quilon.		District Hospital, Alleppey.	
	1103	1104	1103	1104	1103	1104	1103	1104
	Ch. C.	Ch. C.	Ch. C.	Ch. C.	Ch. C.	Ch. C.	Ch. C.	Ch. C.
Average expenditure per head ...	4 1	4 3	3 13	4 0	3 15	3 4	4 15	5 14
Average attendance of in-patients...	136·3	143·44	117·2	120·5	58·42	52·09	65·7	73·02
Total Amount sanctioned for diet ...	Rs. 7,100	Rs. 8,800	Rs. 5,800	Rs. 6,000	Rs. 3,006	Rs. 3,100	Rs. 3,064	Rs. 3,486